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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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GenBank databases, WEST

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	ABE, M.K. ERK8, a new member of the mitogen-activated protein kinase family. 10 May 2002, Vol. 277, No. 19, pages 16733-16743, especially pages 16735, 16736, 16738, 16740 and attached database sheet.	1-12 and 15-18
TX	US 6,759,221 B1 (HODGE et al) 06 July 2004 (06.07.2004), abstract, column 3, lines 21-63; column 7, lines 50-52; and attached database sheet.	1-12 and 15-18
A	US 6,039,947 (WEINER et al) 21 March 2000 (21.03.2000), column 31, sequence number 22 and attached database sheet.	19 and 20

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